

SANPETE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

June 4, 2013, 1:00 P.M.

Sanpete County Courthouse, 160 North Main, Room 101, Manti, Utah

Present are: Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett, Commissioners Jon Cox and Steve Frischknecht, County Attorney Brody Keisel, and County Clerk Sandy Neill. Jessica Henrie is present from the Sanpete Messenger.

Meeting is called to order by Commission Chair Claudia Jarrett.

CLAIMS

Deputy Auditor Stacey Lyon is present. The server for the bill paying software crashed. When it is back up, an emergency meeting will be called to review the claims, so the bills can be paid timely.

APPROVAL OF THE UTAH STATE LIBRARY (USL) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The Commissioners are concerned about the budget for next year. They would like to have Jim Erickson attend the next Commission Meeting and answer questions. This matter is tabled until the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN TOP COMMUNICATION (MTC)

A contract has been prepared for the operations and maintenance of the facilities and TV translator equipment for digital TV in Sanpete County. MTC and the Beck family have been providing this service for the County for many years. This contract specifies that MTC shall be the contractor, and will subcontract with Mark Allen Beck with the total contract being \$31,200.00. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the contract with MTC. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER TO THE SNOW COLLEGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This board was mandated during the last legislative session. Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to appoint Kevin Christensen to serve on the Snow College Economic Development and Workforce Preparation Advisory Board. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes. Kevin Christensen explains that the former board was primarily school superintendents. Snow College initiated this change so they could be made aware of what classes they can offer to train the students to be ready to help with the businesses in the area. The board will now consist of economic specialists and 4 business professionals from the 6 county region. The Commissioners congratulate Kevin on the trail that connects the north and south ends of Skyline Drive.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2013-2014 SECURITY & BAILIFF CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Sheriff Nielson is present. This contract is \$247.00 more than last year's contract. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the 2013-2014 security and bailiff contract amendment in the amount of \$24,947.00. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes. Sheriff Nielson reports on the testing that was done on a bomb damage minimizer.

GLEN AMES WITH THE STATE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE: DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 218 DEALING WITH THE FUNDING OF RECEIVING CENTERS

Glen Ames is present. Senate Bill 218 requests funding for receiving centers. The bill was passed unanimously by the legislature. Receiving centers help law enforcement. Sometimes a juvenile needs help, but may not meet the guidelines to be sent to juvenile detention centers. The juveniles are housed at the centers and their needs are taken care of until their parents can be located. Receiving programs were on the chopping block due to budget cuts. Staff was reduced, and hours were cut to meet the reduced budget. Mr. Ames was directed to contact the cities, counties and schools to ask for funds to replace the staff so that they can open the center full time again. From 2007 to now, Sanpete County had 234 admissions compared to 1,320 for Sevier County, and 28 from the other 4 counties that use the receiving center. Sheriff Nielson sees the need for the center, but is concerned about the precedence set by helping to fund state programs. The centers are funded until the end of June, 2014. When Mr. Ames is finished visiting the other cities, counties and schools, he will report the results to Senator Ralph Okerlund.

CHRISTINA NIELSON: REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE ON A NON CONFORMING PARCEL OF LAND WITH A DWELLING ON S 20711x1

Christina Nielson is present. The Commissioners are concerned that this should be going to the board of adjustments rather than the Commission. Zoning Administrator Scott Olsen joins the meeting. The lot was 2.64 acres in 1981, before the zoning required 5 acres. The lot has since been split into several lots. The appraisal called this a legal non conforming lot. Ms. Nielson bought the property from a bank on a foreclosure. On the advise of counsel, the Commissioners will not hear the request for a variance. Ms. Nielson is advised to make an appointment with the Board of Adjustments.

JAMES (JIM) SMITH: BICYCLE SAFETY

Jim Smith of Gunnison, Brian Hester, owner of the Alley Cat Bike Shop, Richard Stum of Mt Pleasant, Sheriff Nielson, and Chief McCall are present. Mr. Smith makes reference to a letter in the Deseret News that stated that cycling has had its day. The author encouraged the cyclists to learn their place on the road. Mr. Smith explains why he rides where he does on the road. Cars are heavy and travel at 65 miles per hour compared to a light bike that can go about 20 mph. He only rides on the left side of the road if he can't ride on the right side due to debris, glass, and gravel. Sanpete County now has rumble strips that were installed by UDOT. The strips are in violation of how their published protocol states they should be installed. They are much less than the 18" suggested. A bicyclist can't ride on the rumble strips. At times, the bicyclist must come out into the road. Apparently the machine that makes the rumble strips is only wide enough to go from the center line to the fog line. Mr. Smith has ridden thousands of miles in the United States. In his experience, he feels the most dangerous strip is the one between Manti and Ephraim. Mr. Smith makes the following suggestions to make the roads safer: have UDOT sweep the roads; post signs that advise motorists to share the road; enforce the 3 foot law when passing a cyclist. Mr. Smith is willing to speak to individuals or groups about bicycle safety. Mr. Smith can be reached at 528-5349. Mr. Smith states that Sanpete County is a beautiful county to ride in. He would love to see more rides scheduled. Chief McCall states that there is a ride scheduled in Spring City on June 22nd. This will bring thousands of riders to the County. The Commissioners thank Mr. Smith for coming today. Education is important. They encourage Mr. Smith to get on Table Talk. The

Commission have been told that we are UDOT's worst nightmare. Highway 89 doesn't have sufficient turnoffs for businesses and residences, and the road is narrow through the County. The Commission will continue to press UDOT for expanded shoulders on the road. Richard Stump suggests photos in the paper that show the distance required might help inform the public.

STEVE KELLER: APPROVAL TO HIRE BOSTON BOWN AND BRIAN JACOBSON AS FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the hiring of Boston Bown and Brian Jacobson as full time employees of the road department each at a wage of \$13.23 per hour effective June 5, 2013. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes.

GARRICK WILLDEN: APPROVAL TO PAY FOR THE WOOD HOLLOW FLOOD MAPPING

Garrick Willden is present. The Wood Hollow study and flood mapping is completed. Each of the drainages in the area were studied. The flow measurement was calibrated by looking at an actual event. Then it was looked at again with projected vegetation for the area. The flows should decrease considerably as more vegetation grows. Motion is made by Commissioner Frischknecht to approve the payment of \$40,000.00 to Jones and DeMille for the Wood Hollow flood mapping. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Cox, and the motion passes. Rocky Mountain Power will reimburse the County for this expense. This data will help the county for years. It will help the property owners choose the best location to build.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes from May 21, 2013 with minor corrections. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Jarrett, and the motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

Motion is made by Commissioner Cox to adjourn. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Frischknecht, and the motion passes.

The meeting is adjourned at 2:49 P.M.

ATTEST: *Sandy Neill*
Sandy Neill
Sanpete County Clerk

APPROVED: *Claudia Jarrett*
Claudia Jarrett
Commission Chair